THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The Central Govt. have provided grants according to norms approved under the existing schemes to these non-Governmental Organisations whose proposals were recommended by the concerned State Govt. favourably and were found in order amongst organisations that have been receiving grant from this Ministry.

(b) The position is given in the attached Statement.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of NGOs	Total Grant (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	17.64
2.	Kerala	1	16.41
3.	Delhi	9	65.65
4.	Bihar	3	14.70
5.	Haryana	1	4.68
6.	Punjab	1	3.28
7.	Karnataka	8	42.15
8.	Maharashtra	4	16.10
9.	Meghalaya	1	3.69
10.	Tamil Nadu	6	32.43
11.	U.P	7	32.55
12.	West Bengal	4	20.46
13.	Gujarat	3	14.10

Degradation of Elephants

3120. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the consequences of the recent degrading of African elephants from Schedule A to Schedule B; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to protect the Indian elephants from degradation?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The African elephant is not listed in the Schedules of Indian Wildlife protection Act, 1972. However, it is listed in Appendix-I of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), to which India is a party. On the requests of three African elephant range countries, namely, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe, which received 2/3rd majority approval in the Tenth Conference of the Parties to CITES, held in June 1997 at Harare, the populations of African elephants in these countries have been approved for downlisting from Appendix-I to Appendix-II of the CITES with a moratorium of 18 months. These three countries can enter into trade in African elephants and elephant products only to Japan after the Standing Committee of CITES have satisfied themselves that the conditions set out for such downlisting have been fulfilled.

(b) In order to protect the Indian elephant from the possible increased activities of ivory poachers and smugglers the State Governments of the elephant range States have been put on the alert by the Central Government.

Research on Development of Hybrid Rice

3121. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has made any research on the development of hybrid rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of areas in which they are grown and their impact on increasing the rice production in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir, the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has been working on the development of hybrid rice varieties.

(b) The Institute has developed four Basmati rice hybrids and seven non-Basmati rice hybrid which are under trial in the National Testing Programme. After further testing for 2-3 years some of these hybrids may be released for general cultivation.

(c) Question does not arise.

False Case by Delhi Police

3122. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Cops sentenced for